Ms.B.9.1(23)

Resolved That while this Board maintains that the ordinances of the gospel are to be administered to all who give ~~credible~~ satisfactory evidence of real piety, it does not admit that persons living in the practice of plain & open immoralities are to be regarded as giving such evidence, & least of all, that such immoralities are to be brought into the Christian church in the persons of supposed converts, under the ~~same & unscriptural~~ idea that they can be best corrected there.

Resolved, That slaveholding, caste, polygamy & such like are plain & obvious immoralities, inconsistent ~~with~~ with the spirit & principles of the gospel & with a correct christian life; & therefore, that ~~those~~ supposed converts, ~~who~~ living in the practice of such enormities, if they ~~could~~ know no better should be kept out of the church until they are better instructed, while if they do know better & still persist in them, they thereby give undeniable evidence ~~that~~ they are still children of the devil, & should be recognised only as such.

Resolved, That to act on the contrary principle & welcome to church persons living in the practice of such immoralities is a subversion of the morality of the gospel, & is the precise delinquency ~~complained of~~ charged by God on the degenerate Jews of Malachi's day, when he complained, that they wearied him by their words, in that they said "every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, & he delighteth in them".

Resolved, That while this Board leaves the question of the admission of members to missionary churches with the missionaries & churches, it is free to say that its funds can not be expended in supporting either missionaries or churches who welcome to their communion persons persisting in the practice of ~~slaveholding~~ caste, polygamy & such like enormities.

Resolutions drafted to be
offered at New Haven, but not
offered in consequence of my
not getting there.

Date not known E.C.P.